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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON LOCAL DRUG SITUATION
DURING PAST YEAR

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1. FOLLOWING BNDD DRUG SEMINAR ARRANGED IN ADDIS ABABA THROUGH THE EMBASSY FOR KENYAN, SOMALI AND ETHIOPIAN POLICE AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS IN MAY 1973 (THE FIRST BNDD SEMINAR HELD IN AFRICA), RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EMBASSY OFFICERS AND ETHIOPIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL CONCERNED WITH DRUG PROBLEMS HAVE REMAINED EXCELLENT.

2. WITH APPROXIMATELY FIFTY PER CENT OF THE ETHIOPIAN POPULATION BEING MOSLEM, THERE IS A BRISK LOCAL TRADE IN MARIJUANA AND A MILDLY NARCOTIC PLANT CALLED CHAT WHICH IS CHEWED. THIS TRADE IS LOCALLY PERMITTED AMONG THE MOSLEM COMMUNITY WITH POLICE AND CUSTOMS ATTENTION BEING DIRECTED TOWARDS SALES AND/OR EXPORTING OF THE MARIJUANA AND CHAT OUTSIDE ETHIOPIA OR TO TOURISTS. THE LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES HAVE MAINTAINED REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE BNDD ON TECHNICAL MATTERS INVOLVING THE FEW PROBLEMS WHICH DO COME UP FROM TIME
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TO TIME IN THE MAJOR CITIES IN ETHIOPIA, AND THE

EMBASSY DRUG OFFICER HAS REGULAR LIAISON WITH THESE POLICE OFFICIALS IN ADDIS ABABA. THE LOCAL DRUG PROBLEMS ARE REDUCED BY THE FACT THAT THERE HAVE BEEN VERY FEW INCIDENTS OF THE USE OF HARD DRUGS IN ETHIOPIA.

3. THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS TOURISTS, HAVE HAD VERY FEW PROBLEMS INVOLVING DRUGS, AND NO ARRESTS OF AMERICANS FOR DRUG PURCHASES OR TRAFFICKING HAVE TAKEN PLACE DURING THE LAST CALENDAR YEAR. A REGULAR PROGRAM OF LECTURES ON DRUG ABUSE IS MAINTAINED BY THE LOCAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ITS STUDENTS.

4. THE EMBASSY HAS FOUND THE IMPACT OF THE BNDD SEMINAR, WHICH WAS PRESENTED IN A VERY PROFESSIONAL AND EFFECTIVE MANNER, TO HAVE BEEN AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN CONTINUING USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE CONTACTS WITH THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GROUPS CONCERNED WITH THE DRUG PROBLEMS IN ETHIOPIA. WHERE BUDGET LIMITATIONS PERMIT THE USE OF THE BNDD SEMINARS, PARTICULARLY WHERE THEY CAN BE MADE REGIONAL AND REACH SEVERAL DIFFERENT COUNTRIES POLICE FORCES AT THE SAME TIME, THESE SEMINARS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED, BOTH FOR THE IMPROVEMENT IN DRUG CONTROLS OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED AND ALSO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICES IN THE HOST COUNTRY.

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